

mentation that it do pass, with the following amendments:

Amend section 9 as follows, to wit: After the word "purchase," in line 5, add the words "except where otherwise provided herein."

After the word "office," in line 8, add the words "within two years next after the expiration of said three years."

After the word "oaths," in line 10, add "and on making such proof the Commissioner shall issue to the purchaser, his heirs or assigns, a certificate showing that fact."

After the word "thereon," in line 15, add the words "except where otherwise provided herein."

After the word "thereon," in line 19, add the words "in accordance with the terms of his purchase."

Strike out all after the word "purchase," in line 38.

Amend section 11 as follows, to wit: Strike out all after the word "occurred," in line 16, down to and including the word "State," in line 20.

Amend section 20 by striking out the word "eight" in line 13, and insert in lieu thereof the word "six."

Amend section 22 by adding after the word "year," in line 2, "within sixty days after such rent shall become due."

Amend section 24 by striking out "militia," in line 22, and inserting in lieu thereof "military," and by striking out "militia," in line 29, and inserting in lieu thereof "military force."

GAGE, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, February 8, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Lands, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 157, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the redemption and to extend the time within which lands that have been sold for taxes and bought in by the State may be redeemed,"

Have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

GAGE, Acting Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 166, entitled "An act to amend section No. 1 of an act entitled an act to amend section 46, chapter 25, of the acts of 1885, entitled an act to amend chapter 79 of the acts of 1883, entitled an act to amend chapter 48 of the acts of 1887, an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stockraising, approved April 22, 1879, and amended April 4, 1881, and April 12, 1880, March 27, 1887, March 29, 1889, March 23,

1891, April 15, 1891, and March 29, 1893, so as to exempt Wilson county from the operation of the stock inspection law,"

Have had the same under consideration and instruct me to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAWHON, Chairman.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 9, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the report of the joint committee of the Senate and House recommending the re-districting the State into Judicial Districts as amended, to wit:

Amend by making seven Senators and thirteen Representatives, one representative to be selected from each congressional district.

Respectfully,

CHESTER HAILE, Chief Clerk.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Beall (by request):

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 705, chapter 5, title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes, relating to the manner in which contracts for building court houses and jails shall be let."

Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

Call concluded.

Pending action on regular business,

Senator Smith moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the special committee relative to the appointment of a joint committee to prepare a bill redistricting the State judicially was adopted.

Reconsidered.

Pending action,

The Chair gave notice of signing, and did sign, after caption of same had been read.

Substitute House bill No. 99, being a bill to be entitled "An act to take the counties of Smith, Gregg and Upshur out of the Fifth Supreme Judicial District and place the same in the First Supreme Judicial District."

After lengthy discussion of and pending further action on the question of adopting joint committee report,

On motion of Senator Simpson. Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. Monday.

THIRTIETH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	McKinney.
Boren.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dean.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Steele.
Dickson.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent—not excused.

Goss.	Simpson.
Lewis.	

Prayer by Dr. Jones.

Pending reading of the Journal Saturday,

On motion of Senator Boren, the same was suspended.

On motion of Senator Dean, Senator Lewis was excused for today on account of important business.

On motion of Senator McKinney, Committee Clerk Groves was excused for today on account of sickness in his family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 8, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 114, being a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate the practice of dentistry in the State of Texas, and to prescribe penalties for the violation of the same, and to repeal all laws in conflict herewith,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Strike out "section seven (7)" entirely.
DIBRELL, Chairman.

Committee Room.
Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Committee on Stock and Stock-raising, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 155, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend section 1 of an act entitled 'An act to amend section 46, chapter 25, of the acts of 1885, entitled an act to amend chapter 79 of the acts of 1883, an act entitled an act to amend chapter 48 of the acts of 1887, an act to amend section 46 of an act to encourage stock-raising and to protect stockraisers,' approved April 22, 1879, and amended April 4, 1881, and April 12, 1880, and March 27, 1887, and March 29, 1889, and amended March 29, 1893, and May 11, 1893, placing Dallas county within and under the operation of said law,"

Have had the same under consideration

and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass.

LAWHON, Chairman.

HOUSE MESSAGE.

House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1895.

Hon. Geo. T. Jester, President of the Senate:

I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill, to-wit:

House bill No. 166, a bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 2 and 3 of chapter 86 of the general laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Twenty-third Legislature, and approved May 3, 1893, entitled 'An act to prevent the catching or taking of fish, except with the ordinary hook, line and pole or trot line, and to prevent the use of traps, nets, seines, China berries or other poisonous substances, or dynamite, giant powder, nitro-glycerine or other explosive compounds, and applying the operations of said law to Denton county,' exempting Denton county from the operations of the law."

Senate bill No. 30, "An act to establish a court at Texarkana, in Bowie county, to be styled Texarkana Civil and Criminal Court, and to prescribe the jurisdiction and organization thereof, and to conform the jurisdiction of other courts thereto." Ayes, 68; nays, 33.

Respectfully,

CHESTER HAILE,
Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Gage:

A bill to be entitled "An act to prohibit nepotism and to prescribe a penalty for a violation hereof."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Lawhon:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 351, 352, 353, 354 and to add thereto article 354a, relating to lotteries and raffles."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Beall:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 1054, chapter 2, title 15, of the Code of Criminal Procedure, as amended by an act of the Twenty-first legislature, approved April 4, 1889, constituting chapter 93, general laws of the State of Texas, 1891."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator McComb:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend articles 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas, and the several acts of the Legislature amendatory thereof, and adding 425a, 425b, 425c, 426a, 428a, 429a, 429b, 429c, 429d, 429e, 429f, 429g, 429h, 429i,

429j, 429k, and 429l, and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Dean:

A bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled an act to prevent hunting and fishing on the enclosed lands of another, approved March 31, 1885, as amended by an act approved May 1, 1893."

Read first time and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Agnew:

Resolution amending Rule 62 of the Senate.

Read and referred to Committee on Rules.

By Senator Lawhon:

Resolved, That chairmen of committees in reporting the action of their respective committees, shall in said reports state the subject matter of such bills.

Adopted.

Call concluded.

Senator Crowley moved to suspend regular business and take up Senate bill No. 113.

Carried.

The Chair then laid before the Senate Senate bill No. 113, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to make it penal to prevent or attempt to prevent any person from engaging or remaining in or performing the duties of any lawful employment, and to fix a penalty therefor,' approved March 8, 1887"

Bill read second time and ordered engrossed by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Bailey.	Fresler.
Crowley.	Rogers.
Darwin.	Shelburne.
Dean.	Sherrill.
Dickson.	Smith.
Gage.	Tips.
Harrison.	Whitaker.
McComb.	

Nays—12.

Agnew.	Greer.
Atlee.	Lawhon.
Beall.	McKinney.
Boren.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Steele.
Dibrell.	Woods.

Absent—excused.

Goss. Lewis.

Absent, not excused.

Bowser. Simpson.

On motion of Senator Colquitt

Senate bill No. 149, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the collection of taxes heretofore levied and that may hereafter be levied, making such taxes a lien on the lands taxed, establishing and continuing such lien, providing for the sale and conveyance of the lands delinquent for taxes since Janu-

ary 1, 1877, which may have been sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, for the tax due thereon, and not redeemed, or which may hereafter be sold to the State, or to any county, city or town, to satisfy the lien thereon."

Was made special order for Thursday, February 14, after call.

Senator Agnew moved that special order for this day, Senate bill No. 11, being a bill to be entitled "An act to regulate assignments for the benefit of creditors, to declare what acts shall operate as such assignments and to prescribe rules for administering the same and to provide penalties for the violation of this act, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors, to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, and to repeal an act entitled 'An act to amend sections 3, 6 and 10 of an act in relation to assignments for the benefit of creditors and to regulate the same and proceedings thereunder,' approved March 24, 1879, approved April 7, 1883; and to repeal all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith,"

Be made special order for next Thursday, February 14, after call, and from day to day.

Senator Shelburne moved as a substitute that the bill be recommitted.

Lost.

The bill was then made special order for February 14.

Senator Bailey called up Senate bill No. 106, a bill to be entitled "An act to authorize the formation of corporations to construct and operate union depots and railway terminals, and to empower railway companies to subscribe for and acquire stocks and bonds of such corporations, and to contract for the use of such depots, tracts and facilities,"

And had same made special order for February 18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

The Chair laid before the Senate the joint committee report, providing for a joint committee to draft a bill redistricting the State into judicial districts, action being on adoption.

Adopted by the following vote:

Yeas—15.

Agnew.	McKinney.
Atlee.	Rogers.
Beall.	Sherrill.
Boren.	Stafford.
Colquitt.	Steele.
Darwin.	Tips.
Harrison.	Whitaker.
Lawhon.	

Nays—13.

Bailey.	Greer.
Bowser.	McComb.
Crowley.	Presler.
Dean.	Shelburne.
Dibrell.	Smith.
Dickson.	Woods.
Gage.	

Absent—excused.

Goss. Lewis.

Absent—not excused.

Simpson.

The Chair laid before the Senate, Senate bill No. 59, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend article 528, title 15, chapter 7 of the Penal Code of the State of Texas."

Action being on Senator Steele's motion to table Senator Greer's motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was ordered engrossed.

Tabled.

SPECIAL ORDER.

The Chair laid before the Senate Senate bill No. 15, being a bill to be entitled "An act to provide for the creation of life and accident insurance companies in this State, and for the regulation thereof, and to repeal all laws or parts of laws in conflict therewith."

Bill read second time.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend by striking out all of section 18.

By Senator Smith:

Amend section 18, page 7 by adding thereto the following, "for ten years from the passage hereof."

Adopted.

By Senator Smith:

Amend section 18, line 1, by striking out the word "home."

Adopted.

Senator Colquitt's amendment, striking out all of section 18, was then lost by the following vote:

Yeas—5.

Colquitt.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Steele.
Lawhon.	

Nays—22.

Agnew.	Harrison.
Atlee.	McComb.
Bailey.	McKinney.
Beall.	Presler.
Boren.	Rogers.
Bowser.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith.
Dean.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Absent, excused.

Goss. Lewis.

Absent, not excused.

Dickson. Simpson.

By Senator Agnew:
Amend section 5 by striking out the words "five hundred" and insert in lieu thereof "fifty."

Lost.

By Senator Presler:

Amend section 19 by adding thereto, in line 10, the following: "And such statement shall also contain and set forth an exhibit of the investments of such company."

Adopted.

By Senator Lawhon:

Amend section 18 by adding thereto the following: "Provided, said accumulation be invested in the bonds of this State, or of any county or city of this State, or in real estate situated in this State."

Adopted.

By Senator Atlee:

Amend section 12 by striking out in line 1, after word "stock," the following, "funds, surplus, or other accumulations created in the course of its business."

Lost.

By Senator Colquitt:

Strike out the words "United States or" in line 5 of section 12.

Lost.

By Senator Lawhon:

Amend by striking out of line 14, page 3, the words "or par value."

Adopted.

By Senator Presler:

Amend section 18 by striking out in line 2 the following, "that are to be invested."

Adopted.

By Senator Colquitt:

Amend by striking out all of section 11.

Lost.

Senator Smith moved to reconsider the vote by which the last amendment offered by Senator Presler was adopted.

Senator Bailey moved the previous question on the engrossment of the bill, which was duly seconded, and prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—18.

Agnew.	Lawhon.
Atlee.	McComb.
Bailey.	Presler.
Beall.	Rogers.
Boren.	Shelburne.
Bowser.	Smith.
Crowley.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.

Nays—10.

Colquitt.	Harrison.
Darwin.	McKinney.
Dean.	Sherrill.
Dibrell.	Stafford.
Dickson.	Steele.

Absent, excused.

Goss. Lewis.

Absent, not excused.

Simpson.

IN SENATE.

House bill No. 111, "An act to repeal chapter 100, general laws of the regular session of the Twenty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, entitled 'An act to protect stockraisers, farmers and horticulturists, providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals,' and to revive chapter 119, of the Twentieth Legislature, entitled 'An act to protect stockraisers, providing for the destruction of wolves and other wild animals.'"

Read first time and referred to Committee on Stock and Stockraising.

On motion of Senator Gage.

Senate bill No. 60, being a bill to be entitled "An act to make the possession of cattle, horses or mules having thereon burnt brands unlawful, and to empower the sheriff and inspector of hides and animals to sequester the same, and to provide for the foreclosure in case of seizure."

Was made special order for Wednesday next at 11:30, and from day to day.

On motion of Senator Lawhon, the Senate adjourned to 10 a. m. tomorrow.

THIRTY-FIRST DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, Feb. 12, 1895.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Lieutenant Governor Jester in the Chair.

Roll called. Quorum present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Agnew,	Lawhon.
Atlee,	Lewis.
Bailey.	McComb.
Beall.	McKinney.
Boren.	Presler.
Bowser.	Rogers.
Colquitt.	Shelburne.
Crowley.	Sherrill.
Darwin.	Smith
Dean.	Stafford.
Dibrell.	Steele
Dickson.	Tips.
Gage.	Whitaker.
Greer.	Woods.
Harrison.	

Absent, excused.

Goss. Simpson.

Prayer by the Chaplain, Dr. Smoot.

Pending reading of the Journal of yesterday,

On motion of Senator Sherrill, same was suspended.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Senator Greer:

Petition from citizens and property owners of Woodville and vicinity, protesting against the increase of taxation on fire and life insurance companies.

Read and filed.

By Senator Bailey:

Petition from business men of Fort Worth, protesting against the passage of the bill looking to the amendment of article 1198, chapter 4, title 28 of the Revised Statutes, regulating the venue of civil cases in district and county courts, etc.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Gage:

Petition from one hundred and twelve voters of Reeves and Ward counties, asking for the passage of a general Australian ballot law.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Sherrill:

Petition from forty-two citizens of Hunt county, protesting against the passage of the "assignment bill."

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator McComb:

Petition from citizens of Montgomery county, praying for the enactment of a law bringing Montgomery county within the provision of protection of wild game during proper seasons.

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 2.

By Senator Atlee:

Memorial of citizens of Nueces county, protesting against the passage of the "Agnew assignment bill."

Read and filed.

By Senator Atlee:

Memorial from citizens of Nueces county, urging the passage of the "Agnew assignment bill."

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Atlee:

Memorial from "Business Men's Association" of Corpus Christi, protesting against the passage of the "Agnew assignment bill."

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

By Senator Atlee:

Memorial of citizens of San Patricio county, urging the passage of the "Agnew assignment bill."

Read and referred to Judiciary Committee No. 1.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 172, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend sections 1 and 2 of an act entitled 'An act to prevent fishing and hunting on the enclosed lands of another,' approved March 31, 1885, as amended by an act approved May 1, 1893,"

Have had the same under consideration and I am instructed to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass with the following amendment:

Add after the word "another," in line 2, section 1, the following: "Not exceeding in area ten thousand acres,"

AGNEW, Chairman.

Committee Room.

Austin, Texas, Feb. 11, 1895.

Hon. George T. Jester, President of the Senate:

Your Judiciary Committee No. 2, to whom was referred

Senate bill No. 170, being a bill to be entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend article 1054, chapter 2, title 15, of the Code of Criminal Pro-